

## The 2014 Lamoine Conservation Award

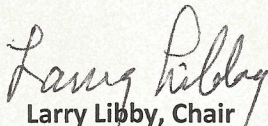
The Lamoine Conservation Commission is pleased to present the 2014 Conservation Award to Bob and Georgianna Pulver.


Bob served on the Conservation Commission from 2004-13, and as its chair for the final 4 of those years. His 30 years of experience as public school teacher and administrator in Illinois before moving to Maine in 2003 have served him and Lamoine well. Bob, working closely with commission member Carol Korty, organized the GET WET! program. Securing seed grants from Healthy Acadia and the Maine Community Foundation, they worked with a UMaine faculty member to introduce applied science to Lamoine public school students in a way that would benefit the town's natural resources. Students bring water samples from home to the school where they are tested for nitrates, chlorides, acidity and other characteristics of water quality. The students conduct the tests and report the results, which are then verified through lab testing in Orono. The process has been repeated in Ellsworth High School, Stonington, Winterport and elsewhere. Students are always enthusiastic about the "hands on" approach to science, and Bob has said that if a few are tilted toward careers in science, the project will have worked. Further, the water quality data so collected are invaluable for further research by UMaine faculty and graduate students.

Georgianna is a Master Gardener, has worked at a local nursery, and volunteered her time and expertise to improve gardens at the Frenchman Bay Conservancy headquarters at Tidal Falls in Hancock. She is also a trained librarian and contributed her expertise as the Commission implemented an archive system to describe its past and inform its future. She helped organize the materials and wrote the prospectus to guide its future users. Having a real "pro" organize the conservation records and materials will serve the cause of thoughtful conservation in our town for years to come.

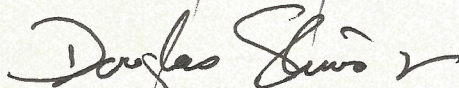
Georgianna is a skilled photographer. Her shots of Lamoine's natural features grace the Commission's recently published open space report, have appeared in the town annual reports and are part of the state Scenic Assessment of Maine.

Bob and Georgianna Pulver are fully committed to the protection and enhancement of the natural resources that define Lamoine. From working with the state to protect an eagle nest on Raccoon Cove, to assisting an LCC survey of town attitudes about conservation, to eelgrass restoration with Frenchman Bay Partners, to recording the beauty of our town and helping young people participate in defining environmental quality, Bob and Georgianna are thoroughly invested in Lamoine conservation. We are pleased to honor them with this award.

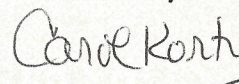
  
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